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June 15th, 2003

Michael Powell, Chairman
FCC Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Remember the phrase "IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?" That does not read "IN THE INTEREST OF THE BIG MEDIA".

Thanks for confirming a steady diet of media POWER and CONTROL, especially CONTROL. You close off rebuttal because you are a pimp for big money media. DID YOU EVER HEAR ANY OTHER VOICE? What about PUBLIC DEBATE?

Phoenix has ONE, yes ONE, newspaper--thanks to the power media. And you are encouraging the single available voice we read to have more power. Shame on you?

As a disgusting group the three contolling members who voted for more media contol rival Bill Clinton and his "pardons". Are you proud of the amoral company you keep?

What is the difference between a prostitute and a pimp? You qualify for either. 2500 free trips paid by the media moguls-- they must have been great trips *if you went on MAN Y.*

In total disgust.

Phyllis Hazekamp
Mrs. Phyllis Hazekamp

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The Honorable Jonathan S Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington 20554

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Dear Mr Adelstein :

I urge you **not to relax the broadcast ownership** rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

There proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near - total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoint off the air

The American people deserve do hear more then one point of view on important issues, Therefore for the sake of our democracy and our freedom , I urge you do continue the broadcast ownership protections that , for decades, have helped to ensure the healthy political debate in our country

Sincerely,



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Mary J Ott
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May 16, 2003

Kevin J Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear *Commissioner Martin:*

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This is to let you know that, as an American citizen, I am greatly concerned about the consolidation of media in the hands of a few giant companies. I consider this to be a limitation upon the free access to information that is so vital to the operation of our democracy.

It is my understanding that the FCC was founded in 1934 to regulate the nation's broadcasters so that they served the public interest. What has happened to this principle? Surely it is as necessary today as at the time that it was first established, if not more so. Can you set aside the present and future well being of our country for the economic gain of a few giant corporations?

I am astonished by the FCC's push for consolidation in the media industry. I feel that the public has not had sufficient information about this situation so that our viewpoints in this matter might be given consideration. In my opinion, media consolidation has already gone too far. This monopoly of information in the hands of a few is dangerous, and it needs to be dismantled – for the good of our country.

Sincerely yours,

Mary J Ott

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Sincerely,
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June 2, 2003

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Dear Sir: Reference: Media Ownership

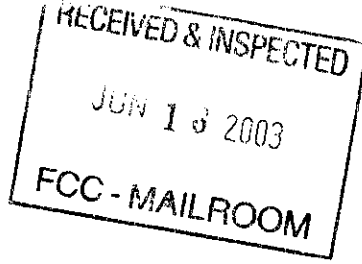
We are completely opposed to your proposed rule regarding
media ownership. AND: so are many, many more!

Thanks,

Sincerely,



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Teresa Shay
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Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Commissioner Martin,

On June 2, you, the FCC, plan to loosen long-standing rules that prevent broadcasters from owning newspapers in the same geographical market, and to radically relax rules so that broadcast networks will virtually be unrestricted in size. I think that this is a very bad idea.

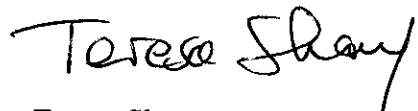
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Deregulation of FCC fairness regulations. has contributed to a focus on the sensational, with broadcasters going after stories proven to get high ratings. In the '90s, crime coverage increased more than 700 percent, even though crime actually decreased in the same period. And deregulation has led to the minimization of important issues. In the 2000 presidential election, both Fox and NBC opted out of carrying the first presidential debate between Al Gore and George W. Bush.

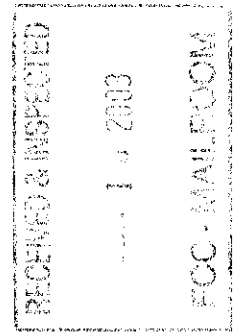
Because of the relaxation of ownership limitations on radio broadcasters, Clear Channel now owns more than 1,200 radio stations. Some of these stations are "remote controlled" with no way for local people to contact the station in a town-wide emergency, or to announce local events. During the war against Iraq, Clear Channel imposed censorship of the Dixie Chicks and of "peace songs" on its 1,200 stations.

The FCC needs to retain the ownership rules. Having widespread and unconcentrated media ownership makes sure that many different opinions are heard. But the control of newspapers by broadcasters will significantly reduce the range of opinions in some markets. The self-interest of media monopolies will dictate what stories are covered. . The public will have less access to diverse views. These changes will make it more difficult for the American public to make informed choices about candidates running for office and policies affecting our country

Thank you for your time,


Teresa Shay

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May 24, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

I know you are busy. But prior to your vote on June 2, stop for a moment to consider this: Imagine if America's news media emphasized solutions, rather than problems. Imagine if America's top journalists were paid to inform, rather than titillate, dramatize, and report anything as "news" to boost ratings.

If you support this vision, you will vote against allowing giant media corporations to grow even bigger. For example, I think it's dangerous for one company to own both the leading daily newspaper (often the only daily newspaper) and a local TV station in the same city. This ownership arrangement puts too much power in the hands of one media corporation-and it reduces the already small number of independent media voices we hear in our communities.

Please join with all your colleagues and act now to stop big media from getting even bigger.

Sincerely,

George N. Nickols



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To: The Honorable Michael Powell, Chair, FCC
445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC 20554

Re: Biennial Review – Proposed Media Concentration Rules, Section 202(h)

Media Bureau Docket No. 02-277

Dear Chairman Powell: +

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

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This letter is sent as testimony in support of strengthened ownership limits.
Broadcast and newspaper ownership in the same market must be prohibited.

Attempts to get rid of the current, already weakened limits, by the largest media giants, indicate a disregard for the public good and for a sustainable democracy. "The media" should be diverse. Indeed, Americans need and rely on being able to obtain a diversity of viewpoints. Recent consolidation is endangering this wonderful part of our American way of life. We already see too few owning too much. The public airways must be protected.

I am sure that you are aware that there are only five independent television studios, 280 independent newspapers, and radio companies are similarly being consolidated (with two companies now owning 1451 stations, and 25 groups owning 25% of our radio stations.) This is bad for our country.

Having such a limited number of owners also means that there is a lack of necessary competition. Without meaningful competition a dull and deadly monotony will prevail. I think much of what the major media puts out now is catering to a very low level of morality and culture and could be greatly improved. Further narrowing of the creative spectrum, and having the major producers mainly concerned about corporate profits, means that creative efforts will not be adequate to reach and enrich the hearts and minds of the citizens of this country.

Further, when too few major players dominate the airways, local content will be minimally available, if there at all. Even with cable, what one sees on TV is only more of the same.

The proposed media concentration rules are not public so I cannot comment on specifics. I can only hope and pray that you will act with the courage and dignity and foresight that this issue demands and that you will use your power to protect America and the highest ideals that this country holds dear.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Gold
Lorraine Gold

Thank you for your good efforts!

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June 6, 2003


Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 E. 12th St. S.W.
Washington, DC 205504

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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to express my disapproval to the appalling changes in the media-ownership rules. These changes are yet another example of this administration's arrogance, in the way that it handles the countries business; and insensitivity to the needs of most Americans. Clearly, your organization's softening of the present 35% rule demonstrates the Republican's burning desire to change laws to benefit the privilege few and not the majority of the citizens of the United States. By relaxing these rules, big media companies will effortlessly be able to gain an unfair and dangerous advantage over the media, imparting one-sided bias opinions. Our country is too diverse not to hear other points of view. I feel that if these rules are relaxed our freedom of speech will be compromised. Please, reexamine your decision to relax these rules. What good is a medium if the information contains one point of view?

Sincerely


Joyce A. Oliver

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May 25, 2003

FEC Chairman Michael K. Powell and Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy,

Jonathan Adelstein, Michael Copps, and Kevin Martin

Federal Communications Commission

1919 M Street NW

Washington, D.C. 20036

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Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

I favor more time and more public debate on the current issue of how many corporations can own how many media outlets and the mix or type of those media outlets.

If you will not allow more time for more public discussion of this matter, then I am opposed to raising the current restrictions on the national ownership cap.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Laurie J. Haron
5363-15 N. Sabino Canyon Rd.
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Sincerely,
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Dear Chairman Powell,

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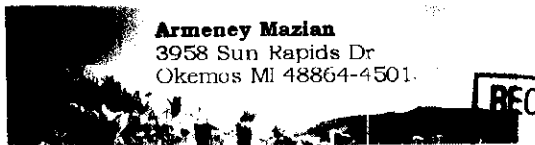
Just a note to express my disappointment
regarding the media ownership proceedings. 02-277

Why is this issue not being allowed to have
input from the American public?

Why will our choice of information dissemination
be so limited by allowing a few companies
control the air ways?

Why will our choices be restricted?

I'm so disappointed.



Sincerely,

Armeney Mazian

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"Take Heed That No One Deceives You." Taken from Matthew 24:4

June 4, 2003

Michael Copps, Commissioner
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Dear Michael,

I had the good fortune to tune in on a program, "Media Ownership Rules by FCC" on C-span. My ears caught your descent speech about what the other members so freely consented to. You, and Jonathan Adelstein were the only ones who really had the public interest at heart. This seemed to me to be another case of "Big Money" appeal.

More important than who owns the TV stations is the content of the programming. Ever since the ACLU sold the idea that our first amendment to our USA constitution "Freedom of speech" is equal and interchangeable with "Freedom of expression," we have been bombarded with vile raunchy and even pornographic programming that is most repulsive to the majority of our citizens.

Speech is an expression in words either spoken, written or signed, but is not interchangeable or to be substituted by expression.

Expression can be actions, illustrations, demonstrations, grunts, or moans that clearly are not speech. Expression can also be dance or just jumping up and down which is not speech.

I am aware that some people often say to the dice, "Talk to me baby" when shooting for a specific number, but they don't expect the dice to actually speak to them. I also know some people, when they see a girl dressed in a particular way say, "She was asking for it." They were not implying she actually said so in words. She may be advertising something but she was not using speech to do so.

There are many examples I could use to prove my point such as:

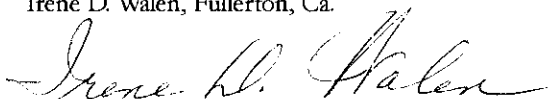
Coffee is a beverage, but not all beverages are coffees.

A gown is a garment, but not all garments are gowns.

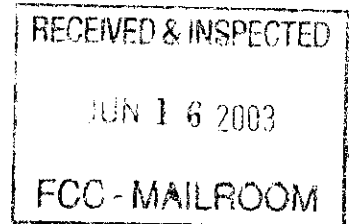
Christian is a religion, but all religion is not Christian.

May God grant you favor.

Irene D. Walen, Fullerton, Ca.



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"Take heed that no man deceive you." Taken from Matthew 24:4.

I had the good fortune to catch your descending speech at the FCC report on C-Span last week concerning "Media Ownership Rules." I am in agreement with you and Michael Copps. Aren't all of you on the commission there on behalf of the USA citizens? Aren't you, the FCC, there to see that businesses, however large or small, stay within the realm of public acceptance?

The FCC is not there to insure great profits for companies, nor are they there to hinder profits, but to protect the public. It seems to me that the ownership of media is not as important as the content of their message. It should be open to all points of view as long as it does not violate our constitution.

Let me use one example of deliberate violation of our USA constitution. When the ACLU convinced the Supreme Court of the USA that "Freedom of expression" is the same as and interchangeable with "Freedom of speech." Have they been afflicted with APHASIA? (Loss or impairment of the power to use or comprehend words)

Speech is expression in words spoken, written, or signed as for the deaf. Expression includes utterances such as screams, crying, and profanity which are not speech. Also dance, gestures, music, nudity, pictures, illustrations, and demonstrations are not speech.

For example: Coffee is a beverage, but not all beverage is coffee. Buttermilk is a beverage. Would you accept that as coffee?

Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, lest He rebuke you and you be found a liar. Proverbs 30:5 & 6.

But I say to you that every idle word men speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgement. For by words you will be judged, and by your words you will be condemned. Matthew 12:36 & 37.

May God bless this letter to your heart.

Irene D. Walen, family and friends.

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broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Billy Jabones

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May 12, 2003.

Dear Chairman Powell:

I agree with the premise of this article, that allowing more media consolidation like what happened with radio in 1996 will lead to a greater centralization of ownership with TV and newspapers, with less variety, not more. What happened with the chemical release in Minot, North Dakota, and the slow response by the radio stations, all owned by Clear Channel, is an example of negative consequences of ownership by the animals by only a few corporations. So, please don't change the ownership rules. At least, there should be more public hearings on this important issue.

Thank you - Sincerely,

Don Emmal

Eureka, California.



Mr. Don Emmal
611 W Everding St.
Eureka, CA 95503-5905

Sound off on media consolidation

By Jonathan Adelstein

You've probably never heard about them, but a number of rules from the Federal Communications Commission govern who can own what media outlets in this country. They've shaped the media landscape as you experience it every day. And they are all about to change.

I have been attending hearings across the country to find out the public's views about this before it is too late. And it's almost too late now.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell has vowed to overhaul these rules by June 2. A bipartisan group of 15 U.S. senators recently asked him to hold off on any changes until the FCC discloses its plans publicly so that Congress and the public can respond. Chairman Powell declined, announcing he will go forward despite these concerns.

The FCC's media ownership rules are designed to prevent individual companies from exerting too much control over what we see, hear and read. Broadcasters use public airwaves, and by regulating ownership, the FCC ensures that citizens can access a wide range of news, information and programming, including diverse viewpoints. Relaxing these rules would affect every user of television, newspaper, radio, the Internet, cable or satellite.

These rules today make it difficult for one company to own both a newspaper and a TV station serving the same community. They also cap the number of TV or radio stations that one owner can control in a single area, as well as the number of TV stations that one company can own nationwide. Another rule bars the four major TV broadcast networks from merging with one another.

All these rules are now up for grabs. Americans can now access more forms of media than ever. But

do more channels necessarily translate into diverse voices reporting local news and information?

Evidence shows that television and newspapers are by far the most important sources of local news and public affairs information. Suppose your local newspaper and TV station merged, then bought other media outlets nationwide. The new company would achieve economies of scale and greater profitability. But would its sheer size and centralization of focus divert it from meeting the community's local needs? Would it lead to greater homogenization of programming? Would the company influence the slant of local news reporting?

Some say media consolidation would simply echo a nationwide business trend. But media do not compare with other goods. The structure of the media affects more than just the price of ketchup. Control of the media affects the vibrancy of political and civic discourse — what the U.S. Supreme Court has called the “uninhibited marketplace of ideas.” This market affects the very

health of our democracy.

The FCC must proceed with enormous caution. Caution and speed don't mix well when safeguards of our democracy are at stake. We cannot allow too much consolidation to tune out voices heard across this country and in each of our communities.

The relaxation of similar rules for radio shows how quickly rule changes can alter an industry's structure. In 1996, Congress relaxed radio ownership rules, prompting an unprecedented wave of consolidation. Radio conglomerates now centralize broadcasting from remote headquarters and pump homogenized playlists to stations across the country.

Minot, a small town in North Dakota, felt the effects recently. When a train carrying ammonia derailed and released chemicals — sending 300 people to the hospital — police called the local radio stations, all six of which are owned by Clear Channel Communications, to alert the community. But Clear Channel had pared down its local operations and no one answered the phone for more than an hour. Given that TV and newspapers are even more crucial sources than radio for local information, the pending changes could have an even more dramatic impact.

It's critical for us to hear from the public before we act. But to comment on these vital issues, the American public and its representatives in Congress need more information. Did you know this was happening? Have you heard about it on national or local news? Time is short. Don't let the national dialogue fall short. The FCC needs to hear your voice as it reshapes the future of American media.

Jonathan Adelstein is a commissioner with the Federal Communications Commission.

Express your view



What: Public hearing on FCC media ownership rules, sponsored by the University of San Francisco's Media Studies Department, Stanford University's Department of Communication, UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism and Hastings College of the Law's Communications and Entertainment Law Journal. Presentations by FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and others, followed by question-and-answer period.

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Legislative chamber, second floor, San Francisco City Hall, Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street.

Contact: (510) 271-4781

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M. Daniel Butler

Dear Mr Copps,

Please do whatever you can
to preserve competition in both
telecommunications services and the
media.

Please do not allow expansion of
SBC's monopolistic position.

Please do not allow consolidation
of media company control of the news.

Thank you,

Dan Butler



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Michael Powell
Chairman, FCC
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Powell

Re your ramming these new rules down the throats of 99% of the people in this country who are decidedly opposed to these rules, you are still another person in the web of the Cheney-Bush dictatorship.

It is clear the Cheney-Bush dictatorship paid off Spain, Bulgaria, Poland etc. in its desperate attempt to line up countries on its side before they pre-emptively invaded Iraq.

So, Mr. Powell, how much did they pay you?

My husband and I greatly respected your father for his ethical, sane, diplomatic qualities. However, we were so disappointed in him when he joined the ranks of the Cheney-Bush dictatorship.

Is this hypocrisy in the genes??

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Russell".

Mrs. Louise Russell
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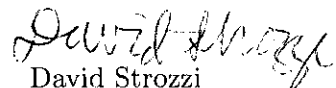
Your Excellency,

I am very upset that the Federal Communications Commission recently voted to relax restrictions on media ownership and conglomeration. Having diverse and competitive media is essential to freedom and democracy: Hitler, Stalin, and Mao had very consolidated media with all the grandfathering, synergism, cross-platform sharing, and other things that come with media consolidation.

I am particularly happy that you, as an FCC Commissioner, have respected the public interest and the FCC's stated purposes by voting against these rules changes. You get a gold star! ★

I hope that you have a change of heart, and either change your vote or urge Congress to reinstate some of the rules on media ownership.

Very Truly Yours,


David Strozzi

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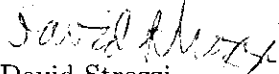
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I am particularly upset that you, as an FCC Commissioner, have disregarded the public interest and the FCC's stated purposes by voting for these rules changes. A pox on you and your house.

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Very Truly Yours,

David Strozzi

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Benjamin F. Harrison III
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Macon, Georgia, 31204-1621
14 May, 2003

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
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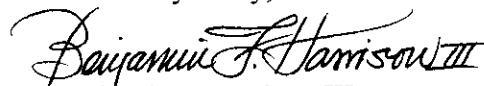
I am informed that the Federal Communications Commission has asked for public comment concerning proposed rule changes regarding the prohibition of what amounts to monopoly ownership of media sources, known as "Broadcast Ownership Rules". These changes, if approved as proposed, would make sweeping changes in the rules, materially weakening them, which would then, allow giant media corporations to form, as monopolistic entities, and/or to allow the "already too large" media conglomerates to further extend their "strangle hold" on what the populace reads, sees, and hears.

This whole effort is something that should never have gotten this far! It would be an outrage to allow the media to further consolidate their power over the information that is furnished daily to the public. At present, the media has far too much invasive effect on the public's opinions on issues of the day, allowing only programming that suites their personal agendas, some of which are contrary to our Constitution, by the way! Even now we have what amounts to "brain-washing" by the media, despite the current rules of the Commission, making one wonder what has already gone amiss.

Please do not contribute to the further degradation of our system, by allowing the likes of AOL Time Warner, Viacom/CBS, Disney/ABC and others, to sway the Commission into acceptance of the proposed changes to the detriment of free men trying to exercise their rights under the First Amendment which may run contrary to the designs of the media monopoly(which would be allowed by the proposed rule changes).

Thank You for taking the time to review my reasoning as to why the proposed rule changes should not come to pass.

Yours Very Truly,


Benjamin F. Harrison III
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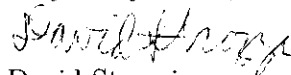
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Very Truly Yours,



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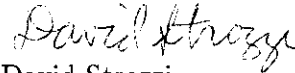
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Dear *Commissioner Adelstein:*

This is to let you know that, as an American citizen, I am greatly concerned about the consolidation of media in the hands of a few giant companies. I consider this to be a limitation upon the free access to information that is so vital to the operation of our democracy.

It is my understanding that the FCC was founded in 1934 to regulate the nation's broadcasters so that they served the public interest. What has happened to this principle? Surely it is as necessary today as at the time that it was first established, if not more so. Can you set aside the present and future well being of our country for the economic gain of a few giant corporations?

I am astonished by the FCC's push for consolidation in the media industry. I feel that the public has not had sufficient information about this situation so that our viewpoints in this matter might be given consideration. In my opinion, media consolidation has already gone too far. This monopoly of information in the hands of a few is dangerous, and it needs to be dismantled – for the good of our country.

Sincerely yours,

Mary J Ott

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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communication Commission

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Powell:

You and your Committee are causing a disaster more destructive to this country than 9/11 and are more detrimental than Osama Bin Laden. He could not destroy this Democracy better than you are doing. When I learned that you are the son of Colin Powell who is talking to the heads of State around the world to bring them Democracy I am astounded that you are so lacking in knowledge to know that if newspapers could control all the press of this Nation in the 60's the Civil Rights Act might never have passed.

Apparently those of you on the Commission who approved this new resolution have had no knowledge of reality in this country that this can put only a few powerful newspapers in control of all media and result in the denial of access to all political office in every small town to anyone that a newspaper does not favor- and that means whoever works for a newspaper in that town can control both the press and television and deny access to a would-be candidate, and deny access to a business not favored to advertising, and control all news and information from the media.

The two worst things that have happened to this country are Senator Joseph McCarthy (he would not have allowed you , a black man, to be on this Committee) and your decision. Your decision is even worse than he. The only thing that could be worse is if Hitler had actually come to this country.

You can save yourself from the ignominy that this decision brings you by reversing yourself at once. You cannot know what newspaper will assume this control and the one that does might end civil rights for blacks in this country.

Why didn't you open your hearing to anyone and publicize it on television. This action has been as stealthy as anything Adolph Hitler did in the 30's to put himself in power. Now it is necessary to curtail the power of the FCC which can destroy this country.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Martin:

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on Important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely


Mr. L. Ronald Roff

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Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

I am writing to applaud you for your stand on the FCC's recent vote on new deregulatory rules. As a former broadcast journalist, I totally agree with your take on how this new ruling may impact the broadcast media in the United States.

I began my television career in 1979, in the Wilkes Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania market. At the time, two of the three network affiliated stations were family owned businesses. The third was owned by a group of *local* business people. There was fierce competition among the stations, particularly in the area of local news coverage. The owners of the station that I worked for (WBRE-TV) were willing to spend money on local news and had a sincere interest in local issues.

That "family business" was sold to a limited partnership. The partners simply drained the life out of the station. There was no investment in equipment. No investment in local programming, beyond a bare bones news operation and no investment in personnel. The family owned CBS affiliate was sold to an out of town broadcast group and the ABC affiliate is a New York Times property. The changes don't end there.

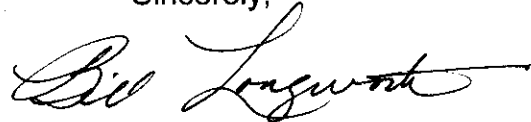
Today, the CBS and NBC affiliates "share" resources. One newsroom serves both stations, which are housed in the same building. The morning and midday newscasts are simulcast on both stations. Does this provide an outlet for different opinions? I hardly think so. Are the stations actually "competing" in the local news race? The answer is "no." In the meantime, the ABC affiliate "sells" a 10:00 p.m. newscast on the FOX station and reruns its newscasts on the local PAX affiliate. We cannot forget that the local ABC affiliate now handles local sales and marketing responsibilities for the PAX station.

I am happy to be out of the broadcast news profession. The word "local" is long gone in America's television industry. I made the decision to leave broadcasting on my

own. Today, I hold a senior staff position with the Senate of Pennsylvania. On the FCC's decision you said, "This is a sad day for me and, I think, for the country. " Please add my name to the list of people who agree with your reasoning.

I admire your courage for speaking up. As an American citizen, I believe that we're lucky to have you serving on the Federal Communication Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bill Longworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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